

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
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My dear Mr. Mansure:

For more than a year, consideration has been given to the possibility of relocating the office space now occupied by Central Intelligence Agency in order to afford maximum protection to its operations.

The Bureau of the Budget was directed initially by President Truman to facilitate this matter. In this endeavor, we received excellent cooperation from the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service. At one time, it seemed that it would be possible to construct a building for this organization but circumstances made this impossible.

Recognizing the statutory responsibilities of the GSA and the necessity for providing maximum protection to this Agency, it seems to us that it would be better procedure if the GSA rather than the Bureau of the Budget assumed responsibility for making the necessary space available. The Bureau, of course, would assist in every way practicable. The limitations on existing space in the District of Columbia, along with the other restrictions, are fully appreciated, but the importance of the CIA requirements should be recognized. The reduction of the number of Federal personnel employed in the District of Columbia because of reduced fund availability, coupled with suggestions for transfer of certain functions elsewhere, might aid in the solution of the problem.

It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will exercise your best effort to work out a more satisfactory arrangement for CIA office space than now exists.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
Jos. M. Dodge
Director

Honorable Edmund F. Mansure
Administrator

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